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LETTER DATED 16 MARCH 2000 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that, according to the data made available by the Ministry of Justice of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, 1,330 persons, relocated from Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of that Republic, were in penal-correctional institutions of Serbia on 9 March 2000. Prior to the arrival of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), 2,025 persons (1,874 Albanians and 176 others) had been relocated from penal-correctional institutions in this Serbian province. Before 9 March 2000, 720 persons were released following the expiry of detention or prison terms or on parole. Out of the 2,050 relocated persons, 533 have been tried and sentenced and 1,515 are in detention.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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